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1. FR 2 197 140 A (English-language equivalent application GB 1 393 182 is provided)
2. EP 0 266 810 A2 (in English)

3. DE 195 22 540 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 6,467,812 B1)
4. DE 198 21 637 A1 (English abstract provided)
5. DT 24 19 898 A1
6. DE 199 14 668 A1 (English abstract provided)
7. DE 1 932 448 U
8. US 2,219,047
9. US 4,366,842
10. GB 1 396 119 (in English)
11. DE 101 43 187 C1 (English abstract provided)
12. US 4,267,863

Documents 1-10 were cited in the ISR. Documents 11-12 were cited in the German Search Report.

No English translation or abstract is readily available for documents 5 and 7. Claim 1 and Fig. 6 of document 5 are cited in the ISR as "A" category relevant to claims 1 and 38-39 of the instant application. Figs. 2 and 3 of document 7 are cited in the ISR as "X" category relevant to claims 8-12, 16, 18-20, 24-29, and 33-34 of the instant application. This satisfies Applicants' obligation of providing explanation of relevancy of non-English documents.

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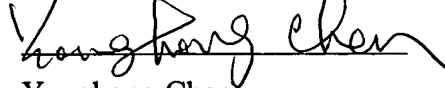
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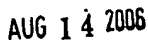
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